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EXDIS TOSEC 4

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS
SUBJECT: STATEMENT ON BSO CASE
WHITE HOUSE: PLEASE PASS SAM 86976
1. THERE FOLLOWS STATEMENT BEING ISSUED AT NOON TODAY IN
NAME OF ACTING SECRETARY SISCO:

2. QUOTE WE HAVE RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM OUR EMBASSY IN
KHARTOUM THAT SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI HAS COMMUTED THE
TERRORISTS' SENTENCES FROM LIFE IMPRISONMENT TO SEVEN YEARS
FROM THE DATE OF THEIR ARREST AND HANDED THEM OVER TO THE

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PALESTINIAN LIBERATION ORGANIZATION FOR EXECUTION OF THE

SENTENCES. WE ARE DISMAYED OVER THIS VIRTUAL RELEASE OF THESE CONFESSED MURDERERS OF AMBASSADOR NOEL AND EMBASSY COUNSELOR MOORE, AS WELL AS THE BELGIAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRES, MR. EID. WE DO NOT THINK THAT THIS DECISION LIVES UP TO THE REPEATED ASSURANCES GIVEN AT ALL LEVELS OF THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT THAT THIS CASE WOULD BE HANDLED IN A JUST MANNER. THROUGHOUT THE LENGTHY JUDICIAL PROCESS, WE HAVE ENDEAVORED TO AVOID PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE INTERPRETED AS UNWARRANTED INTERFERENCE IN SUDAN'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. AT THE SAME TIME, DURING OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH SUDANESE OFFICIALS, WE ATTEMPTED TO MAKE CLEAR THE IMPORTANCE THE US GOVERNMENT ATTACHED TO PUNISHMENT COMMENSURATE WITH THE CRIMES COMMITTED. WE CANNOT ACCEPT THE VIRTUAL RELEASE OF CONFESSED MURDERERS AS ADEQUATE PUNISHMENT. WE HAVE INSTRUCTED OUR AMBASSADOR TO PRESENT

THESE VIEWS TO THE SUDANESE GOVERNMENT AND, FOLLOWING THAT, TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON IMMEDIATELY FOR CONSULTATIONS.
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